

Agenda

Public Art Committee Meeting

May 19, 2008

City of Milpitas Public Art Committee Meeting – 6:30 p.m

Rooms 7/8 Milpitas Community Center

457 E. Calaveras Blvd.

The City Council is committed to providing a livable and vibrant community for all its citizens and visitors. Based on the community's suggestions received and subsequent City Council discussions and direction, the City Council established a Public Art Committee, by Ordinance No. 271(2005).

I. Call to Order

II. Flag Salute

III. Roll Call

IV. Seating of Alternates: Alternates may be seated to create a quorum, or to fill the seat of an absent Committee member.

V. Approval of Agenda: May 19, 2008

VI. Approval of Minutes: April 28, 2008

VII. Public Forum

Members of the audience are invited to address the Commission on any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record and limit their comments to three minutes. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. Announcements/Correspondence

IX. New Business

1. Library Art Discussion with County Librarian

Background: Linda Arbaugh, Milpitas County Librarian, requested a discussion about the proceeding with the South Tower art. While the Committee directed staff to proceed with contacting the two other South Tower Artist finalists to see

if they are available for a commission, the Committee also indicated a desire to meet with the County Librarians.

Recommendation: Take action as may be appropriate to the discussion.

2. Work Plan

Background: The City Council approved the Public Art Committee Master Plan Recommendations on February 6, 2007 (see attached). The work plan does not include the “Art in the Park” project so the Committee may wish to revise the Plan to reflect the current activity.

Recommendation: Revise the Master Plan to include ‘Art in the Park’ and recommend its approval by the City Council.

X. Old Business

1. Art in the Park:

Background: The first neighborhood meeting was held the evening of May 15th in Pinewood Park. The project was also presented to the Pines Association Board on May 12th. Committee members will report on the progress and determine the next steps.

Recommendation: Take action as appropriate to continue the Art in the Park project at Pinewood Park.

2. Library Art:

Background: To date there is not a signed contract with Brian Goggin. The estimated cost for installation of the foundation, most of the artwork concrete (including the top ‘slab’ or binding of the book) and the plaza redesign is nearly \$73,000. Mr. Goggin has submitted a new and incomplete estimate of the remaining artwork costs at nearly \$200,000. He is unwilling to continue discussions without a contract. The City has paid him \$19,000 for completion of documents for the building permit, but staff is not willing to proceed without further direction from the Council.

Mr. Goggin has offered to reduce the size of Terrapedia to meet the budget or to create a new piece that can be fabricated in a studio and installed at a later date. Staff does not support either of these options, but will take this to the Library Subcommittee meeting on Tuesday, May 27th for further direction.

South Tower Art:

Background: Based on discussion at the last Library Subcommittee meeting, staff contacted Rebeca Bollinger to see if she would be willing to move forward with the artwork the City Council approved for the South Tower. Ms. Bollinger was very appreciative but declined the offer due to other commitments. Amy Trachtenberg and Cork Marcheshi continue to be interested in the South Tower. This will be discussed at the Library Subcommittee meeting May 27th.

Public Art Committee members may wish to attend the May 27th Library Subcommittee meeting where this will be discussed.

Recommendation: Take appropriate action to proceed with the Library art.

3. Cookbook Sales Recap

Background: Original cost for 500 cookbooks was \$1895.58 (\$1700/books; \$60/UPS shipping; \$135.58 sales tax @ 7.97%). No change in total sales since last reported (3.25.08). Staff will verbally report on Family Day cookbook sales at the meeting.

XI. Staff/Commission Reports & Discussion Items

1. Upcoming Events: Celebrate Milpitas! August 16th and 17th for cookbook sales.
2. Next Meeting Date: June 23, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

XII. Future Agenda Items

- A. Semi-Annual Report to the Council
- B. 3 Year Update on CIP Percent for Art

XIII. Adjournment

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